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Trudeau plans to scrap F-35 program, boost navy spending

CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Nearly 800 come to Pier 21 to hear party leader's speech



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

The leader of the federal Liberal party plans to reinvest "tens of billions of dollars" back into Canada's military by nixing the planned purchase of F-35 fighter jets.

Instead, Justin Trudeau said if elected, his government would launch an "open and transparent competition" to replace the aging fleet of CF-18s with a cheaper option, allowing increased spending on the Royal Canadian Navy.

"Despite all the promises made, after 10 long years under Stephen Harper, our Canadian Forces are in a state of stagnation," the Liberal leader said.

"We will reinvest in building a leaner, more agile and better equipped military. We will fully maintain current national defence spending levels."

Trudeau made his announcement in front of a crowd of nearly 800 gathered in Halifax's Pier 21 Canadian Museum of Immigration on Sunday.

The Conservatives had initially planned on purchasing 65 F-35 fighter jets for the Royal Can-



Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau was joined by Premier Stephen McNeil during his announcement in Halifax on Sunday to scrap the F-35 program and reinvest funds in the Royal Canadian Navy. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO



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adian Air Force, but the procurement process was scrapped after

the auditor general found the project costs were inaccurate

and lacked sufficient research.

On Sunday, the leader heavily criticized Prime Minister Stephen Harper's handling of the Forces, especially his Canada First Defence Strategy as hogwash, which he claims has resulted in "erratic" funding, causing delays

for buying necessary military equipment.

"For Halifax, what this has meant is jobs promised, but not delivered. We need real change," Trudeau said.

The leader promised to "fast track" the existing shipbuilding

contracts for new icebreakers and surface combatants, which he committed to honour, promising that six ships would be built in Halifax.

Trudeau, however, did not include specifics as to projected timelines.

+ REOPENING

Liberal leader commits to reopen nine Veterans Affairs offices

Nine shuttered Veterans Affairs offices that were closed under the Conservative Party rule would be reopened with Justin Trudeau as prime minister, according to the prime ministerial hopeful himself.

The leader of the Liberal party also promised a zero tolerance policy for sexual harassment in the military, providing better mental health support for veterans and career counseling and services.

"While Harper likes to wrap himself in the flag, he has betrayed the men and women who risk their lives for it," Justin Trudeau said Sunday.

Nova Scotia's local veterans affairs office in Sydney shut its doors in February 2014. WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

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POLICE

Murdered officer's funeral held today

A funeral service will be held Monday for a Truro police officer whose body was found in a wooded area near a Halifax bridge earlier this week.

The service for 36-year-old Catherine Campbell will be held at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in her hometown of Stellarton.

Campbell was reported missing Monday when she failed to show up for work.

Halifax police recovered her body early Wednesday.

Twenty-seven-year-old Christopher Calvin Garnier is



Catherine Campbell
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charged with second-degree murder in Campbell's death.

He is also charged with indecently interfering with a dead body. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Motorcyclist dead after fatal collision

A man is dead after a fatal motorcycle accident in Nova Scotia on Saturday.

The RCMP say around 1:30 p.m. the driver of a motorcycle left the road and crashed into the lawn of a home in the community of Wallace, Cumberland Co.

A 56-year-old man from Riverview, N.B. suffered serious injuries in the crash.

He was taken to hospital, where he died.

Police say they're investigating the accident to determine the cause. METRO

TRAFFIC STOP

Police arrest suspect after high-speed chase

Halifax Regional Police were involved in a high-speed chase Friday night after a vehicle in a traffic stop fled the scene.

At about 10 p.m. Friday police say they tried to stop a vehicle with a stolen licence plate on Highway 111 near the Sackville exit.

Police pursued the vehicle but had to call off the chase due to excessive speeds.

The vehicle lost control and

drove off the shoulder of the road near the Sackville exit, and the male driver then fled on foot.

The male suspect was located shortly after with help from the K-9 unit.

He is being held for a court appearance on Monday to face charges of flight from police, possession of stolen property, failure to remain at the scene of an accident and two counts of breach of probation. METRO

IN BRIEF

Boy, 4, dies in car crash

Police in Nova Scotia say a four-year-old boy is dead after a crash Friday night on a Cape Breton highway.

Cape Breton Regional Police Staff Sgt. Ken O'Neill says officers were called to Highway 216 in Islandview around 10 p.m. Friday where a 2003 Chevrolet Equinox was found in a ditch off the road with heavy damage.

Police say a family of five was inside, including a 27-year-old male driver, a 26-year-old woman and three boys, ages two, four and five.

O'Neill says the four-year-old boy died of his injuries.

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Child left unattended in van

Police in Halifax are investigating after officers were forced to smash the window of a parked van to help an infant in distress. Investigators say officers were called to College and Summer streets around 3:30 p.m. Sunday after reports of a baby being locked inside an unattended vehicle. They say officers were not able to quickly locate any adults in the area, so they broke the window to retrieve the distressed child. The baby was checked by paramedics at the scene.

Environment Canada says humidex reached upwards of 27 C. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Erik the Red was feeling the love by many aboard the CSS Acadia on Sunday in Halifax. HEIDE PEARSON/FOR METRO

Museum says so long to its furry crewmate

ANIMALS

Farewell party honours cool cat, beloved rodent killer

Heide Pearson
For Metro | Halifax

A retirement party like no other was held at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic on Sunday for one beloved, furry employee and crew member, Erik the Red.

Erik the Red, a little orange cat and fixture of the Halifax waterfront, has been an RCO, or Rodent Control Officer, on the CSS Acadia at the museum

since wandering onto the ship in 1999.

His job description is just what you might think: "dispatching of rodentia" below deck, according to Stephen Read, the Acadia ship-keeper.

"Occasionally ... he would leave a little bit of the choice bits (of his kill) in the bottom of a shoe just to say 'thanks for looking out for me,'" said Read.

Read and Erik — who had cancer in his left eye and had to have it removed — have been shipmates since 1999 and Erik will soon find new living quarters with Read.

The harshness of spending winters aboard the ship, combined with Erik's advancing years, mean it's time for him to retire.

"Erik, like myself, was fine

“He's pretty much his own hairy person, but he's also insanely cute.”

Stephen Read

with it when he was a younger man," said Read, who doesn't know his furry friend's exact age.

"He's pretty much his own little hairy person, but he's also insanely ... cute," said Read. "He looks like the sailor cat."

Many people came aboard the Acadia Sunday to celebrate with Erik and share their own unique "Erik stories," including Susan Dalby, who frequently

visits Halifax from Toronto.

"I often wander around on the waterfront by myself and my first experience (with Erik) was this dear kitty that came up and sat on my lap on a cold winter day, it was only me and Erik on the waterfront, and ever since then every time I come to Halifax I seek him out," Dalby said.

Read said they're considering finding a replacement for their furry pirate, but worry it'll be hard for another cat to bond with the ship, as crew members like Read no longer live aboard.

Erik is the first feline RCO they've been able to see off to retirement, so the museum had to throw him a party.

"This was not just to acknowledge his service amongst ourselves," he said.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Fairview residents share ideas of change

A community hub, programming for youth and seniors, and safe crosswalks are all ideas that were brought up at Fairview's Community Gathering on Saturday.

The event was put on by United Way's Action for Neighbourhood Change, and brought residents of Fairview out to the Mosaic Church to share their ideas for changes they want to see happen in

their neighbourhood.

"If (a) community adopts each other as family members, community as family, we will have people less being alone," said Erica Gilliatt, a longtime resident of Fairview.

Gilliatt would like to see more connections being made between older people and younger people, and as well as more connections within the different demographics.

Fairview has people from all over the world living in the community; there were folks from Ottawa, Sudan, Hong Kong and Cape Breton at the gathering.

"We've all become each others' sisters and brothers here and we're gonna help and support each other in practical ways and build a family that many people feel they don't have or don't have

+ GRANTS

Each year the community can get a Seed Grant between \$500 to \$2,500 for various community improvement projects.

access to or don't have a right to," said Gilliatt.

HEIDE PEARSON/FOR METRO



TERRY FOX A DREAM TO OUTRUN CANCER Children with the team Heather's Hope were some of the first to take off from the starting line at Point Pleasant Park's Terry Fox Run on Sunday. This is the 35th year for the event, which has raised millions of dollars for cancer research. HEIDE PEARSON/FOR METRO

City exploring bi-annual paint job

REPORT

Extra work on crosswalks will cost about \$45,000: Staff



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

Repainting more of Halifax's

striped crosswalks twice a year would come with a price tag upwards of \$45,000.

That figure was calculated in an information report headed to Thursday's Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee after previously appearing at the Transportation Standing Committee in June.

Currently, the report said nine per cent of all zebra crosswalks located in the downtown core are repainted in

the fall, as well as the spring.

If that repainting program is expanded to include higher volume traffic areas on main and arterial roadways outside the core, that would result in an increase of \$45,476.60, according to staff.

"It's money well spent," Coun. Gloria McCluskey said in an interview.

"If we're going to have painted crosswalks then let's keep them the way they

should be: Painted, so that people can see where they are."

The report said two separate contractors are responsible for crosswalk repainting — one in the East/Central region of the city, the other in the West.

New three-year contracts were recently inked, meaning that crosswalks requiring to be repainted in the fall would result in an increase of \$21,372 and \$24,104.60

to the existing contracts, respectively.

"It would be difficult for contractors to ramp up their staffing and equipment in order to paint locations twice a year for this painting season," the report reads.

Additionally, staff warned that line painting is dependent on "a very specific window of conditions," such as no rain, temperatures above 10 degrees and humidity below

+ NEXT STEPS

Coun. Gloria McCluskey said she expects the report will be forwarded along to regional council.

85 per cent.

Such parameters create delays in the painting schedules and make timelines difficult to predict, staff explained.

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University faculty vote 'yes' to strike

Trouble is brewing between Mount Saint Vincent University and the faculty association over inking a new collective agreement.

On Friday, the faculty association announced a large majority of its 145 members voted in favour of a strike mandate, exactly two weeks before both parties will sit down for conciliation with the Nova Scotia Department of Labour.

"Quite honestly, we should not even be in this position," said union president Linda Mann.

Salaries were the sole issue that derailed the bargaining talks in mid-August, which had been underway since existing contracts expired on June 30, she explained.

Mann said up until salary settlements were brought to the table, negotiations between both sides happened "evenly," then talks broke down and summer vacation began.

"We really felt kind of blindsided and cheated," she said Friday.

She said the union is asking for similar settlements reached at other universities, such as Saint Mary's and Acadia, which offer a 1.75 per cent wage increase.

"If we don't get a settlement that is comparable to those other universities, we fall behind and it starts moving us towards being one of the lowest paid faculty in the region," she said.

Conciliation is set to begin Oct. 2. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

STATEMENT

In an email statement sent Friday, the university said the two parties met at the bargaining table more than 13 times this summer before the faculty association filed for conciliation.

Bikeway access fix given green light

MACDONALD BRIDGE

Improvements recommended for both sides of the harbour



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

Cycling groups in Halifax are applauding municipal staff for recommending the city move ahead with fixing the bike lane approaches to the Macdonald Bridge. Improvements could cost upwards of \$2 million.

In a report headed to regional council on Tuesday, staff are recommending that HRM continue planning for bikeway access improvements on both sides of the harbour.

Discussions around amending the current approaches coincide with Halifax Harbour Bridge's re-decking project that will see the bridge's bikeway closed until 2016.

"This is the most important connection in Halifax," Blair Barrington, spokesperson with the Halifax Cycling Coalition said Friday.

"If we don't do it right, it sends a very clear message that we don't care about cyclists in this city."

Barrington explained that existing access to the bikeway — the only one that connects Halifax to Dartmouth — across the bridge is "very challenging."



A cyclist makes his way to Dartmouth on the Macdonald bridge bike lane. JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

\$100K

On Tuesday, Halifax regional council will only vote on whether to spend between \$50,000 and \$100,000 for additional planning and public engagement on the proposed ideas.

On the Halifax side, the report outlines how the approach requires cyclists headed to Dartmouth from North, Gottingen or Brunswick streets to ride along North Street before making a sharp left turn onto a sidewalk,

then pedalling up a 10 per cent slope.

"Challenging grades coupled with the need to share a busy road makes the existing connection suitable only for experienced, confident bicyclists," the report reads.

"You don't want to go uphill starting to sweat on your way to work," Barrington added.

In Dartmouth, Barrington said there is no designated route towards the bikeway, leaving cyclists having to navigate the busy intersection before the bridge on their own.

Both situations create barriers for people thinking about hopping on a bike, particularly for

the thousands of people who live within 30 minute walking distance of the bridge.

Moving ahead, staff recommends developing two options for the Dartmouth side, including giving cyclists direct access to the bikeway from Lyle and Dickson Streets and creating an easier pathway from the Wyse Road and Nantucket intersection.

Meanwhile on the Halifax side, staff are mulling over building a flyover ramp that would start from the bridge and run alongside North Street, ending just before the entrance to CFB Stadacona on Lorne Terrace.

Such a project would cost roughly \$2 million.

IN BRIEF

Local leaders set to debate

All federal candidates from two ridings in Halifax, save one, will participate in a debate at Neptune Theatre Monday from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

From the Halifax riding, NDP incumbent Megan Leslie, Green candidate Thomas Trappenberg, Liberal contender Andy Fillmore and the Conservatives' Irvine Carvery have each confirmed their participation.

All candidates running in Dartmouth-Cole Harbour have said yes, except for Tory candidate Jason Cole. METRO

Ballot Box Bandit running as independent in election

The Ballot Box Bandit has been confirmed as a candidate for the federal election.

Alexander J. MacKenzie is running as an independent for Central Nova.

MacKenzie is known for his thefts of ballot boxes during elections.

He has stated that he took the boxes to protest the lack of federal compensation for non-aboriginals for Boat Harbour pollution. NEW GLASGOW NEWS

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STREET ART COMMUNITY SHOWS COLOURFUL CHARACTER Residents of Creighton Street in the north end of Halifax were out in full force on Sunday to paint a section of the road. The painting was part of the Creighton Street Painting Project and Street Festival which brought the neighbourhood together and reflects the character of the street's community.

HEIDE PEARSON/FOR METRO

SYRIAN CRISIS

Rally urges greater acceptance of refugees

A prominent Mi'kmaq elder says Canada should welcome Syrian refugees just as aboriginal peoples welcomed others to North America throughout the centuries.

Stephen Augustine, Dean of Cape Breton University's Unama'ki College, delivered an impassioned address and plea to the federal government during a Lifeline Syria rally Saturday on the CBU campus.

"We are here in North America with all of the amenities of life, we're comfortable here — we need to extend that comfort to people who need it," said Augustine.

"They need to come to North America and we need to welcome them in the way that aboriginal people welcomed people to eastern Canada and to Canada in general."

Augustine was one of several

speakers who addressed a crowd of several hundred people during the rally that was held in conjunction with CBU's Multi-University Festival.

The former curator of ethnology for the eastern Maritimes at Ottawa's Canadian Museum of Civilization, told the rally that Canada has the resources to easily accommodate hundreds of thousands of refugees.

"Let us open our doors," said

+ LIFELINES

The rally was organized by the steering committee of the recently established Cape Breton chapter of Lifeline Syria.

Augustine, in finishing his address to a round of applause.

CAPE BRETON POST

'We're going to bring them down'

CHILD SUPPORT

Province to crack down on owed payments



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

The Nova Scotia government is making it harder for parents to shirk their child support duties.

A review of the province's Maintenance Enforcement Program — which collects court-ordered child and spousal support payments — was released Friday, and the province accepted its 27 recommendations on improving the system.

Justice Minister Diana Whalen said Friday there is currently \$62 million in arrears owed to Nova Scotian families.

"We are going to be going after those arrears, and we're going to bring them down," she said.

Whalen said improvements have already been made to the program, with wage garnishments up 17 per cent, but she acknowledges there is still much work to be done.

The blame for those millions of dollars in arrears is being placed mostly on the 2013

move to consolidate all of the Maintenance Enforcement offices into one in New Waterford, something the minister said put turnover at 70 per cent, and set the program back by two years.

"It's a very technical program," said director Judy Crump. "Staff needed to gain that training and experience in order to move to the higher levels of training."

That takes about two years, according to Whalen. Crump and Whalen said now that the workers are properly trained, the department will start to specialize them. That's good news for provincial co-ordinator of the Transition House Association

of Nova Scotia, Pamela Harrison.

"When you're



We're not where we need to be in terms of proactive enforcement.

Judy Crump

managing people's expectations in a much more positive way, and there's staff training and people feel like they're being

heard, then every part of the process works better," she said.

Along with the specialization of workers in the program, there are now three employees whose sole responsibility is to track down payers the province says are in "chronic arrears."

"I think it's going to have a tremendous impact on finding people who are trying to avoid their obligations," said Whalen.

Whalen said that legislation would be tabled by next fall.

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'I don't know what Canada stands for anymore'



ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
in Vancouver

Probably the only thing hotter than Vancouver's housing market is the ire of those it's burned.

They made headlines all summer long: the exodus of young professionals to other cities; the #donthave1million campaigners; the agitators of Generation Squeeze.

But Vancouverite Saeid Fard is "not super hopeful" that the four people campaigning to be the next prime minister care. As election issues go, housing affordability is hardly even on the periphery.

Fard, a 29-year-old president of a tech company, is an accidental activist. Just six months ago, he penned a blog post on the exorbitant cost of homes in Vancouver, the impact of foreign ownership, "the erosion of communities and the long-term viability of Vancouver's economy."

He'd just been to a few open houses, hoping to buy a detached home. He came

back incredulous, and worried. "If I can't afford to enter this market reasonably, who can? I'm doing pretty well."

The post racked up 180,000 views in a few weeks. He wrote a follow-up column for the Globe and Mail. Fard "struck a nerve" with the young and middle class, but garnered little election traction.

Fard is unimpressed both by Stephen Harper's pledge to gather data on foreign ownership (why not just do it now?) and the NDP's housing strategy (it's focused on the lower income rental housing, not the buying power of the middle class).

The problem for politicians is that in order to bring house prices down, homeowners will need to lose equity. For all Fard's passionate call to action, he still calls that "political suicide."

Since no party is meeting his housing needs, Fard is falling back on secondary concerns to cast his vote: namely, climate change and taxation.

For someone who believes

in traditional conservative principles, he's leaning towards an unlikely party.

He likes their carbon-tax proposal, and finds their economic policy similar to the Conservatives. He's not sure if that's a so-called wasted vote in his riding, but he might not care.

The current government's economic policy is short-sighted, he said — too focused on big business, rich people and resource industries, not focused enough on building a diversified economy and a strong tech sector.

The Conservatives rhetoric also misses the mark.

"All this ISIS and terrorism business. It just screams pandering and populism and preying on fear," Fard says.

Fard thinks Canada has fallen from a role as a global leader on human rights, the environment and peacekeeping. "I don't know what Canada stands for anymore," he says.

Rosemary Westwood is travelling across the country talking to young voters. Tomorrow: Vancouver Day 2.



VOTER PROFILE

Name: Saeid Fard **Age:** 29 **Riding:** Vancouver Quadra
His issues: Housing affordability, climate change, taxation

Young voters waiting to be found

STUDY

Millennials seeing limited exposure to ads, pollsters



Luke Simcoe
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Federal politicians are not good at making contact with young people. We know this.

A recent study by Samara Research found that while 75 per cent of Canadians over the age of 56 recalled being contacted by a federal leader, MP or candidate in the past year, only 55 per cent of those between 18 and 29 could say the same.

Vancouver-based nutritionist Mandy King is one millennial



NDP candidate Olivia Chow talks to a woman outside a public transit station in Toronto on Sept. 18. STEVEN GOETZ/METRO

who hasn't heard from a politician this election period. Not a single candidate has come into her building to knock on her door or deliver flyers, so her exposure to political advertising has been limited to lawn signs.

"I don't feel like I'm their target market at all," she said. "I feel very confused about who I'm going to vote for."

Urban planner Mitchell Reardon, 30, shares her frustration.

He too lives in an apartment without a landline or a TV. The only person who's knocked on his door so far was with advocacy group Leadnow to inform him he was in a swing riding.

"I haven't even heard from a pollster," Reardon said. "I get a sense that most of the parties haven't been particularly interested in trying to reach us."

The politicians themselves point out that there are practical challenges to keeping track of young would-be voters, many of whom live in downtown ridings: They often don't have landlines, and are therefore all but invisible to pollsters. They tend to move a lot. Some are students without permanent addresses

who forward their mail to Mom and Dad's house.

Liberal candidate Adam Vaughan likes to refer to his Toronto riding of Spadina-Fort York, which is chock full of condo towers, as "the tallest riding in Canada." He says campaigning in such a dense, urban riding can be challenging.

As a result, Vaughan tries to "meet voters where they are." In a riding where fewer constituents own cars, that means canvassing in front of public transit stations or on street corners next to bicycle lanes.

Vaughan even knows the average condo in the riding has seven dogs per floor, so he spends a lot of time in dog parks.

Nearby, former MuchMusic VJ Jennifer Hollett is running for the NDP in University-Rosedale. As its name implies, the riding contains the University of Toronto, and much of Hollett's time has been spent signing up new voters who just arrived in the area.

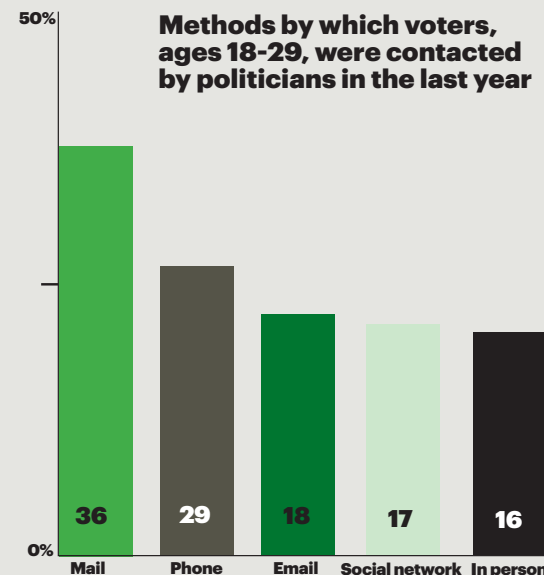
Hollett is also one of the more active candidates on social media.

"It was my 40th birthday the other day, and in amongst all the birthday greetings on Facebook there was someone asking for a lawn sign," she said.

BY THE NUMBERS

Absent from the doorstep

According to a recent report by Samara Research, of the 55 per cent of Canadians between the ages of 18 and 29 who reported having been contacted by a federal politician in the last year, only 16 were contacted in person, which research has shown is the most effective method of increasing voter participation.



I get a sense that most of the parties haven't been particularly interested in trying to reach us.

Mitchell Reardon, 30, downtown Vancouver resident

Greens playing the legal game

ELECTION 2015

Party files CRA complaint in bid to get May at Munk table

The federal Greens have filed a complaint with the Canada Revenue Agency in a last-minute bid to use the law to get their leader into an election debate later this month.

The Munk debate takes place one week from Monday and, yet again, Elizabeth May won't be on the stage with Stephen Harper, Tom Mulcair and Justin Trudeau.

To get her on the panel with the other leaders, the party has filed a complaint with the CRA saying the debate format violates the agency's policies that put limits on the political activities of charities.

The Aurea Foundation, a registered charity with the CRA, is helping fund the Munk debate on foreign policy.

The Greens argue that ex-



Green party Leader Elizabeth May watches the Globe and Mail leaders' debate — to which she was not invited — on television in Victoria, B.C., on Thursday. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

cluding May from the debate has put the foundation in violation of the Income Tax Act.

The law says it's illegal for a charity to directly or indirectly support or oppose a political party and are calling on the CRA to conduct an immediate audit of the

charity's activities.

The party says it will withdraw the complaint if May is invited to the debate.

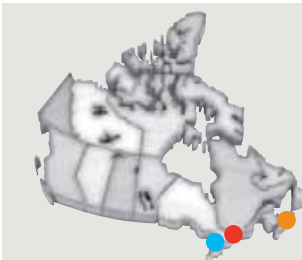
Munk debate organizers, the Aurea Foundation and the CRA could not be reached for comment Sunday.

In the letter sent to the

CRA, party executive Emily McMillan writes that May was excluded from the debate because organizers only wanted to have the leaders of parties recognized as such under the Parliament of Canada Act.

With only two seats in the Commons, the Greens don't

WHERE THE LEADERS ARE MONDAY



• **Stephen Harper** will be in St. Jacobs, Ont.

• **Justin Trudeau** will be in Toronto and Ottawa.

• **Tom Mulcair** will be on the East Coast: in Charlottetown and Dartmouth, N.S.

• **Elizabeth May's** itinerary was unavailable.

have party status. But McMillan argues there is nothing in the Parliament of Canada Act to limit the meaning of "political party" that would "justify the exclusion of Ms. May from the debate."

"The effect of not including Ms. May is to diminish the standing of the Green Party of Canada in the mind of the electorate, which amounts to an indirect opposition to the Green party," McMillan wrote.

"The way that the Aurea Foundation is organizing the debate constitutes, we submit, support for the political

parties whose leaders are being permitted to participate in the debate."

Similar letters signed by a party lawyer were delivered to the venue, Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto, the broadcaster, CPAC, and Munk debate organizers, the Greens said.

May was not invited to take part in a debate on the economy last Thursday organized by The Globe and Mail. Instead, she tweeted her responses to questions and delivered her own zingers to an online audience.

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IPPERWASH

Healing now the focus for First Nation

The brother of an aboriginal protester shot dead by police 20 years ago has been injured while protesting a settlement deal for lands in southwestern Ontario that were appropriated by the federal government during the Second World War.

Witnesses say Pierre George was injured when he accidentally set himself ablaze while pouring gasoline on a fire that had been set by the protesters to get the attention of people march-

ing to celebrate the return of Camp Ipperwash.

He was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

George's brother, Dudley George, was shot and killed by police when a splinter group of about 30 members of the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation occupied nearby Ipperwash Provincial Park in September 1995, claiming it contained a sacred burial ground.

The First Nation an-

nounced Saturday that it had ratified an agreement including a financial settlement in excess of \$90 million, the return of land appropriated by the federal government in 1942 under the War Measures Act and cleanup of Stony Point lands.

The First Nation is located along the shores of Lake Huron, 35 kilometres north-east of Sarnia, Ont.

Chief Thomas Bressette said Saturday that now that the negotiation process is

complete, the First Nation can focus on healing and strengthening community relations.

About \$20 million will be used to compensate original members of Stony Point, their ancestors and eligible band members.

The remaining approximately \$70 million will be put into a fund overseen by trustees for future development of the original Stony Point reserve.

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IN BRIEF

Winnipeg mother, son found safe

A Winnipeg mother who was the subject of a Canada-wide warrant for the alleged abduction of her 12-year-old son has been located along with the boy.

Police say both Charlotte and Tristan McMahon have been safely located in Manitoba.

Police haven't said specifically where the two were found, and say they're still investigating the case.

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B.C. wolf cull intensifying

British Columbia is aiming to increase the number of wolves it kills this winter in the second year of a plan to save endangered caribou.

The wolf cull is the best shot to protect threatened caribou from extinction, say caribou experts and government officials.

Wolves are preying on the herds, reducing some caribou in those areas to the point of near extinction, he said.

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Weeknights at 6 Hannah counts down the HOTTEST songs of the day.

TO SIX@6 LAST NIGHT:

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- 3 R City ft Adam Levine Locked Away
- 2 Hailee Steinfeld Love Myself
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IMMIGRATION

'No hope' for a family reunion: Refugee

Majd Agha wasn't sure what he would say to a crowd of reporters gathered outside a newcomer centre being built in Vancouver.

The 22-year-old Syrian refugee didn't prepare a speech. But still infuriated by news of a Hungarian camerawoman tripping and kicking migrants, he spoke eloquently and firmly about the need for Canada to do more.

"As long as you're Syrian, it's going to be extremely hard for you to come to Canada," he said at the recent event.

Since civil war broke out in 2011, more than four million

Syrians have fled the country.

Agha spoke at a construction site at the Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia's Welcome House, a \$24.5-million refugee housing and support centre being built in Vancouver.

The college student knows he was one of the lucky ones. He arrived in Canada in June 2014 with the help of the United Nations Refugee Agency, after an arduous journey that led him to Russia, Lebanon, Turkey and Thailand.

He was among a group of refugees who were stuck in a Thai

airport while authorities refused to allow the UN access to interview them. Two months later, authorities relented and the UN moved Agha to the Philippines before bringing him to Canada.

Agha is now studying bio-informatics while working part-time at a Tommy Hilfiger. His parents and one of his sisters live in Damascus, while another sister lives in Saudi Arabia.

The last time he saw his family was in 2013. They talk occasionally, but the time difference makes it difficult and he fears constantly for their safety, he said.

"It's really hard, especially when you see on the news how dangerous the situation is," he said. "You never know if they're sleeping, or if there's no power or if they're not able to talk to you."

Ideally, Agha said, his family would try to immigrate to Canada. But they do not want to leave their homes permanently — and even if they did, the application would be pointless, he said.

"There's no hope," he said. "The application costs a lot of money, and if you're just going to be denied, then no, it's not worth it." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Left-wing win in Greek vote

POLITICS

Alexis Tsipras' Syriza party expected to form coalition

Jubilant supporters of Alexis Tsipras' left-wing Syriza party cheered, waved party flags and danced Sunday after the party comfortably won Greece's third national vote this year despite a rebellion within his party over his acceptance of a painful third international bailout.

With 44 per cent of the vote counted, Syriza stood at 35.5 per cent, with the conservative New Democracy at 28 per cent while the Nazi-inspired Golden Dawn was coming in third with 7.1 per cent, followed closely by the once-mighty socialist PASOK party with 6.3 per cent. Abstention was high, at nearly 45 per cent in an election-weary country with a traditionally high



Alexis Tsipras LEFTERIS PITARAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

voter turnout.

Although Syriza was projected as falling short of an absolute majority in the 300-member parliament, Tsipras was expected to form a coalition government with relative ease. His former coalition partner, the small nationalist Independent Greeks, was set to win just above the 3 per cent threshold to enter parliament, while centrist parties have indicated they would

agree to a coalition to ensure repeat elections aren't necessary.

New Democracy head Vangelis Meimarakis conceded defeat and called for a government to be formed quickly.

"The election result appears to be forming comprehensively with Syriza and Mr. Tsipras coming first," Meimarakis said. "I congratulate him and call on him to form the government that is necessary, and bring the (proposal) to parliament."

A total of eight parties appeared set to win parliamentary seats. The new anti-bailout Popular Unity party, formed by rebel Syriza members who objected to Tsipras' agreement to a third bailout for Greece, was projected to fall just shy of the 3 per cent parliamentary threshold.

A tired-looking Tsipras was hugged by party supporters as he arrived at Syriza headquarters, waving to the crowd gathered outside.

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Supporters of the left-wing Syriza watch the election results at the party's main electoral centre in Athens, Sunday. Early results showed Syriza taking 35.5 per cent, with the conservative New Democracy at 28 per cent and the Nazi-inspired Golden Dawn coming in third with 7.1 per cent

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CUBA

Pope Francis meets with Fidel Castro

Pope Francis met with Fidel Castro on Sunday after urging thousands of Cubans to serve one another and not an ideology, a subtle jab at the communist system delivered during a Mass under the gaze of an image of Che Guevara in Havana's iconic Revolution Plaza.

The Vatican described the 40-minute meeting at Castro's residence as informal and familial, with an exchange of books and discussion about big issues facing humanity, including Fran-

cis' recent encyclical on the environment and the global economic system.

Unlike the 2012 visit of Benedict XVI, when Castro peppered the German theologian with questions, the meeting with Francis was more of a conversation, papal spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi said.

Francis called on Castro after celebrating Mass in Havana's main plaza on his first full day in Cuba.

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IN BRIEF

New Zealand zookeeper killed by tiger

A veteran New Zealand zookeeper was attacked and killed by a Sumatran tiger Sunday inside the animal's enclosure.

Police said they were called to the Hamilton Zoo at 11 a.m. after reports that 43-year-old Samantha Kudeweh had been attacked by one of the zoo's five tigers. Police said she died at the scene. Authorities are investigating to determine exactly what happened.

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3 injured after gunman opens fire at Alabama church

An Alabama prosecutor says a suspect has been charged with attempted murder after allegedly shooting a woman, an infant and a pastor inside a church in Alabama.

Dallas County District Attorney Michael Jackson says James Minter was arrested after the shooting Sunday at the Oasis Church in East Selma, Ala. Jackson says the shooting stems from a domestic issue.

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MIGRANTS

U.S. to take 85,000 refugees in 2016

Scrambling to address a growing Syrian refugee crisis, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry announced Sunday that the United States would significantly increase the number of worldwide migrants it takes in over the next two years.

The U.S. will accept 85,000 refugees from around the world next year, up from 70,000, and that total would rise to 100,000 in 2017, Kerry said at news conference with German Foreign Minister

Frank-Walter Steinmeier after the two discussed the mass migration of Syrians fleeing their civil war.

Many, though not all, of the additional refugees would be Syrian, American officials have said. Others would come from strife-torn areas of Africa. The White House had previously announced it intended to take in 10,000 additional Syrian refugees over the next year.

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REFUGEE CRISIS

Dozens feared dead as boat collides with ferry, and another sinks

Disasters at sea claimed the lives of dozens of migrants on Sunday, as desperate people fleeing war and poverty braved the risky journey to seek sanctuary in Europe.

Thirteen migrants died after their boat collided with a ferry off the Turkish coast, officials there said, while the Greek coast guard fanned out in the choppy waters of the Aegean Sea searching for another 24 people missing after their boat sank off the island of Lesbos.

Coast guard officials said nearly three dozen people were res-

cued in the two incidents, which followed another sinking near Lesbos Saturday, in which a 5-year-old girl drowned. Two bodies were found in Greek waters, but authorities aren't yet sure which shipwreck killed them.

The events highlight the risks that those fleeing the Middle East, Africa and Asia are willing to take in hopes of reaching sanctuary in Europe. Men, women and children continue to take the perilous sea journey despite the fact that thousands of earlier migrants find themselves blocked by closed border

crossings in the Balkans.

Hungary's decision to shut its border with Serbia on Sept. 15 set off a chain reaction in Croatia and Slovenia that has forced people fleeing violence in their homelands to rush from one European border to the next as they desperately try to find their way north before the rules change again.

Thousands are on the move all over southeastern Europe as authorities struggle to respond. About 15,000 migrants crossed into Austria from Hungary and Croatia over the weekend.

Hungary erected yet another steel barrier, now at Beremend border post with Croatia, complete with a giant steel door to control the flow of migrants. The gate slowed the flow. But they just kept coming.

In the Austrian border village of Nickelsdorf, people arrived by foot after completing a half-an-hour walk from the Hungarian town of Hegyesalom. From there, buses and trains take them to emergency shelters in Vienna and other parts of Austria.

The asylum seekers lined up, waiting for buses to relocate

them across the country. Austrian soldiers stood alongside. Local officials struggled to find them places to stay, since many camps across Austria are already overcrowded.

Mahat, a lab technician from Damascus, was one of the thousands waiting to get onto the buses.

"We came here only to get a new life," said Mahat, who didn't want to give his last name fearing repercussions by the Syrian government.

The 47-year-old said he had been trekking through Croatia

with another 5,000 people before he eventually made his way to Nickelsdorf. He said he didn't care where in Europe he would end up as long as he could live in peace and find a job.

Mahat said he was originally living and working with his family in the United Arab Emirates until his father died in Syria three years ago.

"I came to Syria to put my father in the ground. Then the government took my passport and they cut it. So three years I was suffering inside," he said.

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Ad blockers hit websites

INTERNET

Chart-topping iPhone app pulled after just over a day

A top iPhone ad-blocking application was pulled from the App Store on Friday by its creator, amid a surge in interest in new programs to thwart marketing messages.

Programmer Marco Arment removed the Peace app after it spent more than a day as the most downloaded paid application at Apple's online shop.

"Achieving this much success with Peace just doesn't feel good, which I didn't anticipate," Arment said in a post at Marco.org.

"Ad blockers come with an important asterisk: While they do benefit a ton of people in major ways, they also hurt some, including many who don't deserve the hit."

The \$2.99 app jumped to the top of the charts after the Wednesday release of updated iOS 9 Apple mobile operating



Apps populate the face of an Apple smartphone. EVAN VUCCI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

software that allows the use of programs blocking ads from popping up while visiting websites using Safari web browser.

While blocking ads promised to make surfing the Internet from iPhones or iPads faster and rein in telecom data use, it also sabotages what has long been the main way websites

You are essentially fast-forwarding through the commercials ...

Rob Enderle

make money while providing free content or services.

"Of course, ads pay for properties on the Web," said independent analyst Rob Enderle, of Enderle Group.

"You are essentially fast-forwarding through the commercials the way people do with TV."

Skipping ads is not new, according to the analyst. Ad blockers have been options on desktop computers for some time, but the numbers of people who opt to turn them on have been low.

Meanwhile, mobile lifestyles involving smartphones or tablets have increasingly centred on using apps that sidestep web browsers all together.

Ad-blocking does not apply to apps, which are vetted by Apple before being allowed in the App Store and which come with the ability of Apple to share in revenue generated.

A study last month found that software that blocks online ads is expected to cost websites some \$21.8 billion globally in 2015, and could rise further with the new iOS system, but some analysts questioned the methodology of the report.

A shift to blocking ads could have a silver lining, according to Enderle. Publishers who have been forced to put their content online for free while search engines make money off ads could see the rebirth of subscription models through paid apps.

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IN BRIEF

Online seller launches two-hour delivery

Vancouver-based e-tailer Shoes.com has launched a two-hour delivery service — for a \$19.99 surcharge — for select footwear products purchased on its Canadian site shoeme.ca as late as 4 p.m. The service debuts in Vancouver and Toronto, with plans to expand the offering to Calgary, Edmonton, Montreal and Ottawa by year's end.

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IRS wants more in taxes, interest from Coca-Cola

Coca-Cola says an assessment by the Internal Revenue Service that it owes \$3.3 billion US more in taxes, as well as interest, for 2007 to 2009, is without merit. The maker of Sprite, Dasani, Powerade and other drinks says the dispute is over how much it should report as taxable income in the U.S., in relation with licensing that allows its foreign affiliates to sell products like soft drink concentrates to bottlers overseas.

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WORKPLACE ISSUES

Medical marijuana testing employers

As medical marijuana gains traction as a treatment option for a host of conditions including chronic pain and other conditions, Canadian employers could find themselves grappling with a sticky issue.

"Individuals have the right to equal treatment ... without discrimination on the grounds of disability," says Jan Robinson, managing principal at human resources firm Morneau Shepell.

"Medical cannabis now needs to be viewed like every other doctor-prescribed drug."

But although employers have a duty to accommodate workers' medical conditions, experts say that duty must be balanced with the need to keep the workplace safe. That can be challenging, especially if employees perform duties such as operating machinery.

"There's no hard or fast rule to this," says Natalie MacDonald, an employment lawyer and the co-founder of Rudner MacDonald LLP. "It's got to be determined on a case-by-case

basis — as most things in employment law do."

Experts say the duty to accommodate comes with an important caveat — it must not result in undue hardship for the employer.

While there is no strict definition of what constitutes undue hardship, MacDonald says the courts will consider a number

of factors including how much financial difficulty the company would endure and whether accommodating the employee would compromise workplace safety.

"A small organization that has to incur serious financial hardship as a result of trying to accommodate an employee may cross the test of undue hardship," MacDonald said.

As cannabis becomes a more popular treatment choice — Health Canada has estimated there could be nearly half a million users by 2024 — the issue is likely to start cropping up at workplaces across the country.

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ECONOMY

Costs up for food, telecom

Lower costs at the pump in August weren't enough to offset a broad rise in consumer prices including higher prices for restaurant fare, according to the latest inflation report from Statistics Canada.

The federal agency said on Friday that Canada's annual inflation rate held steady at 1.3 per cent in August, unchanged from July.

Food prices were the biggest contributor to inflation last month, rising 3.4 per cent, followed by household operations, which includes telecom services such as cable and Internet as well as home furnishings.

Restaurant prices increased 2.8 per cent over last year, and prices for store-bought food increased four per cent — but there was some relief for meat-eaters, as the price of beef declined for the second straight month.

Inflation has been closely watched for signs of flagging consumer spending following the contraction in Canada's GDP in the first half of the year that raised talk of a recession.

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Tests showing popular flushable wipes don't disintegrate have researchers wondering if they're to blame for clogged sewer incidents, or if it's something else (like cooking grease).

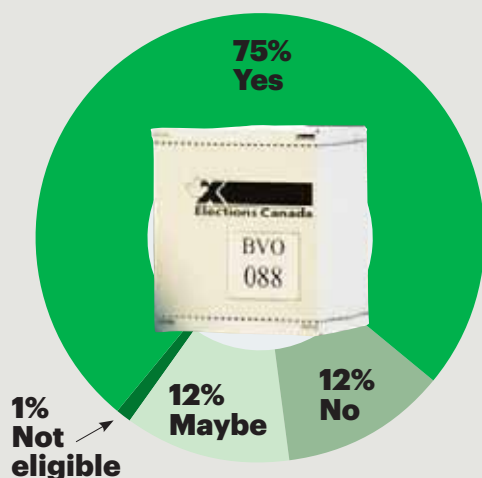
Metro MONDAY POLL

Not voting? Excuses, excuses

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have your say.

In the 2011 federal election, 39 per cent of eligible Canadians did not cast a vote. According to Statistics Canada, the most common reasons given were "too busy" and "not interested." We asked our readers why they've neglected their civic duty (and if they might do it again this time around), and what issue is most likely to get them motivated to make it to the polls.

1 Will you cast a vote in the Oct. 19 federal election?



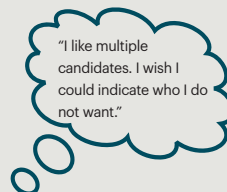
2 Please rank the issues most important to you in this federal election (this is the average rank).

1. Economy/jobs/taxes
2. Environment
3. Poverty and inequality
4. Health care
5. Infrastructure/transit
6. Seniors
7. Law and order
8. Education
9. Democratic reform
10. Global refugee crisis



3 If you're not voting (or you've failed to vote in the past), why?

- 31% I don't like any candidates or parties
- 8% I won't remember
- 8% I don't care
- 8% I will be out of town
- 8% I don't have the right ID
- 4% My vote won't count for anything
- 35% Other reason



"I'd like to be able to vote online."

"Like most people, I don't really know anything about politics."

METRO READERS

Bylaw exceptions are the rule now for developers

HALIFAX MATTERS

Stephen Kimber



Residents attending a community meeting last Thursday did not — as Metro's Stephanie Taylor put it — "mince words" about a 29-storey commercial and residential tower proposed for the corner of Quinpool Rd. and Robie St. "Sixteen of the 19 people who raised their voices did so to blast the proposal," Taylor wrote.

Developer George Armoyan's Willow Tree Tower would be built on land currently occupied by a relatively lowrise 10-storey office building and four-storey parking garage.

Speakers didn't like that the new edifice would instantly be the second-tallest building in Halifax, topping out at almost double the height officially permitted under the city's mu-

nicipal planning strategy.

They were also less than enamoured that it would ultimately become home to four times the number of people per acre the city says should live there.

To compound those concrete concerns, they point out this tower is only one of a number of community-changing developments approved, proposed or soon-to-be proposed for the area.

For one, there's developer

Community groups demand the city suspend negotiating exception agreements with developers until the current rules are legally changed.

Danny Chedrawe's adjacent 25-storey residential-commercial-hotel building pitched for the Snow's Funeral Home site on Robie Street. The former St. Patrick's High School property across the street is the subject of a yearlong public consultation process. The already green-lit eight-storey office-and-condo project at the corner of Quinpool and Vernon St., the prime vacant lot south of the Atlantica Hotel, and the land that will become available after Ben's Bakery shuts down this fall.

At least two — and probably more — of these projects will need exceptions from municipal planning strategy and land-use bylaws.

That's becoming the rule, not the exception.

"Increasingly," says Dalhousie University architecture professor Grant Wanzel, "our officials are developing the city by exception, ignoring established city charter principles,

municipal bylaws and good planning processes."

That's why 14 community groups, including one called the Willow Tree Group, got together recently to demand the city suspend negotiating exception agreements with developers until — and unless — the current rules are legally changed.

Which raises a question. As the Willow Tree Group phrases it: "If developers insist on exceeding certain limits (resulting in higher profits for them), what would HRM expect from them in return?"

It's a good question. One worth asking, and answering, before exceptions are made.

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metroview

Hate your opposing team, but not their fans. Be nice to them.



Jessica Smith Cross
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It's easy to hate the Yankees.

I hate them for breaking my heart at the Rogers Centre more times than I can count. And for the outrageous salaries the team can afford to pay. And for A-Rod. And those pinstripes. And A-Rod. I hate Yankees exceptionalism and how the team dominates baseball lore and the Baseball Hall of Fame. I hate how cool a Yankees cap looks on Beyoncé because, as a Jays fan, I can never wear one. They've been the archetypal enemy, the black (ahem, navy blue) hats, the bad guys of the baseball movie playing out in my brain since I was a child. I went to New York for the last Jays series in the Bronx. It was my first time and I was nervous at the thought of sitting in the middle of the enemy bleachers.

On my way to the subway, wearing my hat and Bautista jersey, I heard a security guard, with a big voice and one of those fantastic New York accents, yell at me, "Let's go, Yankees!" — and break into a huge smile, and wave.

On the subway, an excited teenager in a Yankees' hat exclaimed in appreciation, "Girl's got her gear on! Got her gear on!"

The Yankees' kindness started with customs officers at Newark who, instead of asking for the details of my trip or anything relevant to national security, noted

my cap and engaged me in friendly Jays trivia quiz: How many games ahead are they now?

Well, I said, when I got on the plane it was 2.5, but I don't know if the game's over yet because I haven't been able to check the score. But when I last saw, we'd scored five runs in the first inning and were up five-nothing, sir.

That's right, we haven't been in the playoffs since I was nine and, yes sir, I'm very excited.

I was far from the only Jays fan in New York. The stadium was so full of us when we launched into cheers of "Let's Go Blue Jays," the Yankees fans had to work really hard shouting "Let's Go Yankees!" or "U-S-A!" loud enough to drown us out — then turn around, smile, and chat with us about the game we love again.

So hate the Yankees, not their fans. If you're in Toronto this week, please, be nice to them. They were really nice to me.

On the (New York) subway, wearing my Bautista jersey, an excited teenager in a Yankees' cap exclaimed in appreciation, "Girl's got her gear on! Got her gear on!"

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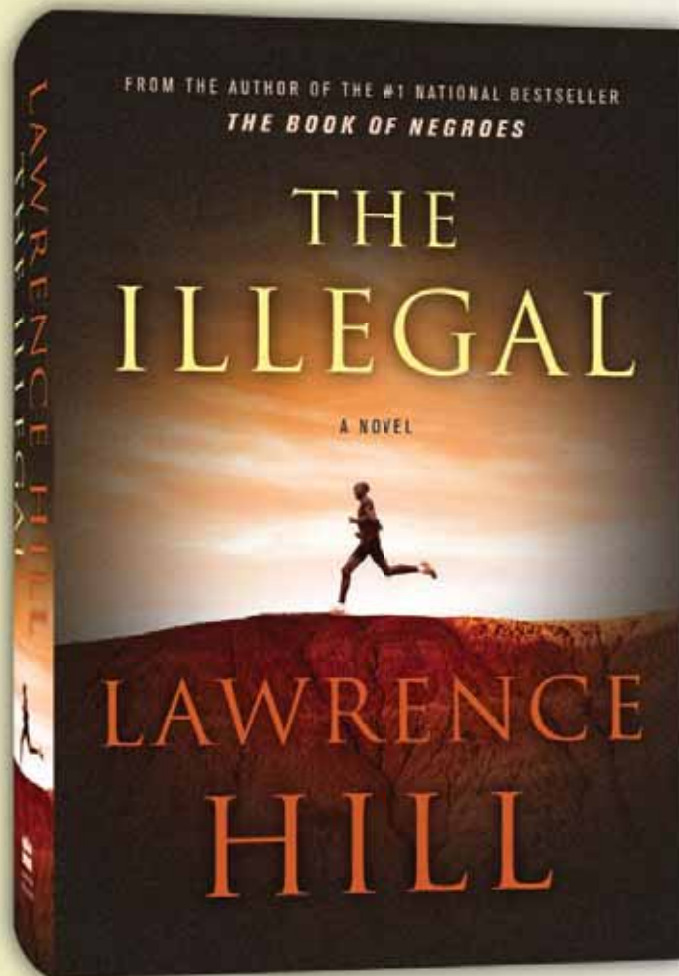
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AWARDS

Transparent creator, star honour trans community

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Andy Samberg broke into his Emmy-hosting gig with a long number about the sheer amount of scripted programming to watch, in a scripted bit. When it became clear how many shows he hadn't yet seen, he ran into an underground bunker to binge watch. A year later he emerged, unshowered, only to horrify Jon Hamm and Kerry Washington with his stench. Samberg looked a little nervous onstage. More than a few of his jokes fell flat.

Recently single Hamm of *Mad Men* won the Emmy for lead actor in a drama series, thanking his ex and their dog in his acceptance speech.

Game of Thrones continued its reign, winning writing and directing awards, as well as a nod for Peter Dinklage's acting on the show. He credited the show's writers and George R.R. Martin for giving him good material, as well as co-star Lena Headey for providing inspiration as a scene partner.

The night also featured some big winners for the Amazon show *Transparent*, which took home both a directing award for creator Jill Soloway and a best actor award for Jeffrey Tambor. Both



An emotional Uzo Aduba accepts the award for outstanding supporting actress in a drama series for *Orange Is the New Black* at the Emmy Awards on Sunday, thanking her sister in her speech. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

of them used the opportunity to speak up for the trans community, with Soloway pointing out that her parent could legally be turned down for renting an apartment in 32 states just for being trans. Tambor, when his moment came up, dedicated the award to the transgender community and thanked them for their patience, courage and stories.

One person who sadly went home empty-handed was Amy Poehler, who didn't end up winning in her final year for *Parks and Recreation*. Instead the award went to Julia Louis-Dreyfus for the fourth year in a row

for *Veep*. Louis-Dreyfus looked flustered, and jokingly pretended to quote her own show, only to reveal the line "What a great honour it must be for you to honour me tonight" was actually a Donald Trump quote.

An early contender for quickest speech went to Frances McDormand, who, after winning for *Olive Kitteridge*, said only, "We're all here for the power of a story well told. Sometimes that's enough. Thank you." It wasn't the only victory for *Kitteridge*, which also took home honours for writing and directing, as well, for Jane Anderson and Lisa Cholodenko,

respectively.

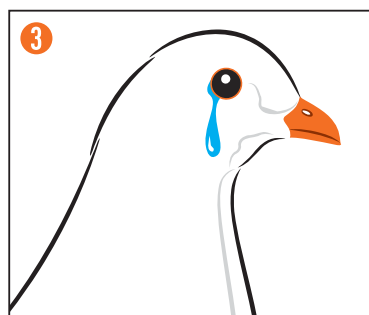
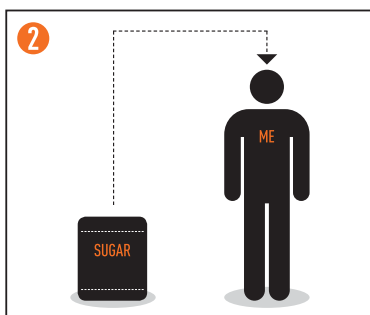
Tatiana Maslany, the Internet's favorite actress, also had her moment to shine, in a little taped bit where she used the empty red carpet as a good opportunity to search for some loose change and discarded jewels. She didn't find anything too expensive, but she did get a can of beans, which turned out to be a hot ticket item — she battled with *Veep* actor Tony Hale for it until they were both

dragged out of the place by security.



Laura Prepon in *Christian Siriano* and Taraji P. Henson wearing *Alexander Wang*. GETTY IMAGES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Viet Cong vow to change their name after protests

INDIE ROCK

Musician Owen Pallett offers his take on the controversy

Nichole Jankowski
Metro | Canada

On Saturday, Polaris Prize shortlisted band Viet Cong issued a statement on Facebook announcing — belatedly, for many following the controversy — that they would be changing their name.

“Over this time we’ve been listening, talking and having lots of valuable conversations with the members of the Vietnamese community about the name,” it reads. “Through this dialogue and hearing about what the name means to so many people, we have decided we will be changing the name of our band.

“We don’t know what the new name of our band will be,” they continue, while noting that they “owe it to our fans to honour the concerts we have booked.” They will continue to play and promote their music under the same name for the time being. Four members, four voices — it was not an easy decision, they say.

The post, signed “Matt, Mike, Monty and Danny” acknowledges the hurt and painful reminders their name has caused members of the Viet-



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“You got the sense that they did want to change the name but that they did not also understand the full gravity of why they needed to do so immediately.”

Musician Owen Pallett

Viet Cong say they will be changing their name, but don’t know when this will happen. “The plan had been to wait until next year, but frankly this was starting to weigh very heavily on the members and the decision was made without all the moving parts in place,” said their manager Ian Russell over email. DAVID WALDMA/HANDOUT

namese community, but offers no apology.

The statement comes after weeks of maelstrom: Toronto art space Double Double Land’s refusal to allow the band to perform in their venue and the false alarm sounded on founder Jon McCurley’s wall that the band was going to issue a name change; an article by Hooded Fang’s April Alermo published in Exclaim, which examines racism appropriation in her own community (the Canadian indie music scene), and our willingness to turn a blind eye;

a further investigation of the debate in Chart Attack and a rumour that the band might make an announcement at Monday’s Polaris Prize gala; and the knowledge that musician Owen Pallett and others may speak up at the ceremony.

Pallett, for his part, became involved only because he couldn’t ignore the issue any longer. He sent an email to the band to let them know his take and what was at stake: “I’m going to be on mic at Polaris, there’s a lot of other people going to be on mic at Polaris and

I can’t say nothing about this.”

Pallett has since decided not to speak up about the issue at tonight’s gala, where he will be honouring nominee Buffy Sainte-Marie. But he’s not afraid to make his opinion heard.

“What frustrates me is the apoliticality of the current music scene,” Pallett says. “It makes me feel like I am part of a scene that is behind the curve; that is especially insensitive.”

“It does reinforce a stereotype of Vietnamese people,”

he says of Viet Cong.

This much the band cops to, in a roundabout way, when explaining how they settled on the name in the first place. Last year, in an interview with *Impose Magazine*, bassist and vocalist Matthew Flegel, 33, explains the name came from Hollywood films depicting Viet Cong as “badasses.”

In an interview with *The Guardian* early this year, drummer Mike Wallace, 30, recalls Flegel pretending his bass was a gun (this is back around 2012 when the band was formed)

and commenting: “All you need is a rice paddy hat and it would be so Viet Cong.”

The members, including guitarists Scott Munro, 32, and Daniel Christiansen, 29, said they were ignorant to the history and have since become aware. They have said they get hate mail with every show. In Ohio, the band had a concert cancelled. The booker issued a public apology to Vietnamese and Vietnamese-American communities.

What their critics have found so frustrating is that in light of this new understanding, the band had until now refused to act.

“If they know they’re hurting somebody and then they continue to do it, then they’re intending to,” says McCurley who feels like his voice, along with others in the Vietnamese community, has been marginalized throughout the controversy.

When asked whether he was pleased about the band’s announcement, McCurley replied: “I don’t mean to say they haven’t done anything yet — they have done something. They wrote a nice letter about how they’re keeping it for now.”

In a statement to Metro, Ian Russell the band’s manager, said that the band will not be releasing another album as Viet Cong. But could offer no timeline for the name change.

“The statement issued yesterday contains pretty much everything that the band can say on the topic,” he said via email. “They are in pretty uncharted territory and we’ll have to figure it out as they go.”

YOUTUBE

Tyler Oakley opens up about eating disorder



Tyler Oakley. GETTY IMAGES

Emily Laurence
Metro | New York

Tyler Oakley is one of the funniest guys on YouTube.

Whether he’s joking about how to stalk One Direction or throwing the slumber party of your dreams, his humour is a big part of why he racks up millions of views. But now, he’s opening up for the first time about something serious: his struggles with an eating disorder.

“Talking about it is really hard because it’s something I suppress

and work through every day,” he tells *Seventeen* magazine. “And I haven’t really talked about body image in videos. I assume when people read this, they’ll be like, ‘Oh, you’re not fat.’ That’s not what it’s about at all. Even when I was the skinniest I’d ever been, I was still not happy.”

Oakley is the cover star of the teen magazine’s October issue. “With videos, meet and greets, and a million pictures a day, it’s definitely a thing that I think about,” he says in the cover story. “It’s not about clothes fitting. It’s not about feeling chubbier than

normal. I’d beat myself up over a day that I’m not active. If I’m lazy, then I feel grody.”

Oakley has a book coming out next month called *Binge*, and in it, he makes another startling confession: He was the victim of physical abuse at the hand of an ex-boyfriend, something he says even his mom didn’t know about. Now, he admits to being in a much healthier relationship with someone else and is overall doing better physically and mentally. He hopes sharing his story will encourage others to get the help they need, too, he says.

DISCRIMINATION

Evan Rachel Wood speaks up about being bisexual

Hey, happy Bisexual Awareness Week, which is now! And just in case you weren’t aware, Evan Rachel Wood is doing what she can to increase visibility, including a lengthy series of tweets about her own experiences being bisexual.

“The reality is that bisexual people face discrimination not only outside

of our community, but also from within.”

She was even more direct in discussing her own experiences: “I can assure you that whatever ‘straight privilege’ I sometimes get accused of having gets erased by biphobia,” she tweeted. “I still feel like we have to constantly prove ourselves and our worthiness within the community. Point being, it’s OK. We do exist. Don’t let anyone make you feel unworthy.”

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NHL LEAFS GET DOWN TO BUSINESS IN BEDFORD Max Nicastro, left, checks Curtis Glencross into the boards during a Toronto Maple Leafs training camp practice at the BMO Centre in Bedford on Sunday. **JEFF HARPER/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

‘More confident’ Fortier a force for Mooseheads

QMJHL

Second-year forward scores three as Herd get win No. 1



Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

The Halifax Mooseheads — and their supporters — breathed a big sigh of relief Saturday night.

The Herd snagged its first win of the 2015-16 season, defeating the visiting Saint John Sea Dogs 5-1 in front of 6,133 fans at the Scotiabank Centre.

Second-year forward Maxime Fortier, 17, of Montreal thrilled the green and red crowd, scoring three Mooseheads goals, his first tallies of the season, and his first Quebec Major Junior

Hockey League hat trick.

“It’s always fun to contribute,” a soft-spoken, humble Fortier said after the game, not long after several fans threw their ball caps onto the ice to celebrate the game’s offensive star.

“We got a huge first win, so it was a good game for us,” he said. “Yesterday, we didn’t play bad, but we took too many penalties and today, (after) ... one goal, I think everyone was relaxed and just ready to go.”

Fortier got things going midway through the first, carrying the puck behind the net and popping it into the Sea Dogs net to put the momentum in favour of the Mooseheads. Defenceman Cavan Fitzgerald and Taylor Ford assisted.

Rookie left-winger Arnaud Durandau, 16, of Beaconsfield, Que., made it 2-0 before the opening frame was done, notching his first Q-league goal.

“It felt amazing,” the five-



Maxime Fortier scored his first QMJHL hat trick in Saturday’s 5-1 win over the Saint John Sea Dogs.

JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

foot-eleven, 177-pound player said of his first goal wearing the Mooseheads jersey, scored on a loose puck out front. “It wasn’t a pretty goal, but any goal counts.”

The Moose were itching for the win, having already lost two regular-season road games and Friday night’s home-opener 4-0 to the Acadie-Bathurst Titan, following a pre-season schedule that featured an additional five losses.

“Hopefully we keep on winning,” Durandau said.

It took just 1:02 into the second period for third-year forward Vincent Watt, 19, to let off a low shot and make it 3-0, with both Fortier and rookie forward Otto Somppi, 16, of Helsinki helping out.

Somppi went on to add two more assists, on Fortier’s break-away goal midway through the third and his final marker on a power play to top off the win late in the game.

Forward Ryan Chiasson scored the lone goal of the night for Saint John early in the third.

Marc-Antoine Bishop and Alex Bishop split time between the

UP NEXT

The Halifax Mooseheads are back on home ice next weekend, first Friday night against the Moncton Wildcats and then Sunday afternoon against the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles.

posts for the Sea Dogs, combining for 26 saves, while Herd netminder Eric Brassard stopped 21 shots.

Durandau was named third star, Somppi second star and Fortier first star of the night.

“I’m more confident in what I can bring to the team,” the five-foot-10, 176-pound Fortier said of settling into his new veteran role with the Mooseheads.

“This year I want to be at my best, and just want to bring it all.”

IN BRIEF

Huskies humbled again
Saint Mary’s dropped a 48-13 decision Saturday at the St. Francis Xavier X-Men making it two straight losses for the Huskies.

More than 800 fans watched as the home X-Men (1-1) put 37 points in the second half at Oland Stadium in Antigonish to secure the convincing win.

Saint Mary’s is 0-2 so far, having also lost to defending AUS champions the Mount Allison Mounties 38-6 on Sept. 11 at Huskies Stadium.

The Huskies did, however, win their one and only pre-season game Sept. 5 in Wolfville, 14-3 over the Acadia Axemen, and were up 13-11 after the first half Saturday.

KRISTEN LISPCOMBE/METRO

Brady leads Patriots to victory in Buffalo

Tom Brady had the last word in silencing Rex Ryan and the brash, new-look Buffalo Bills.

Brady threw three touchdowns and combined for 466 yards passing — the second-most of his career and most by any player against Buffalo — in leading the New England Patriots to a 40-32 win on Sunday.

The Bills scored 19 points in the fourth quarter before their rally fell short in the final 90 seconds.

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Day locks up spot in playoff series finale

Jason Day’s easy win Sunday at the BMW Championship in Illinois confirmed what his rivals have known for several weeks now: The Aussie is the best golfer on the planet.

Day’s mostly stress-free final round of 2-under 69 at Conway Farms gave him his fifth win on tour this season, his second in the FedEx Cup playoffs and vaulted him past Jordan Spieth and Rory McIlroy into the No. 1 spot in the world ranking.

Day zoomed out to a big lead by shooting 61 and 63 in the first two rounds and was never seriously challenged after that. His 22-under total tied for the second-lowest on tour this year and was good for a six-shot win over rookie Daniel Berger.

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Sox pounce on rare Blue Jays blunders

MLB

Solid defence shows cracks, Toronto's lead at top narrowed

The Toronto Blue Jays' usually smooth defence was due for a misfire. Toronto had three errors and other defensive miscues as the Boston Red Sox rallied past the Blue Jays 4-3 on Sunday afternoon, their second straight loss.

"We've been playing outstanding defence so we're due for a clunker like this," said starting pitcher Mark

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Buehrle, who has won four Gold Gloves (2009-12), pitched six solid innings, giving up eight hits and three runs. Relievers Liam Hendriks, Brett Cecil, Mark Lowe and LaTroy Hawkins all came out of Toronto's bullpen.

Lowe allowed Pablo Sandoval's decisive run for the Red Sox (71-77), although he had reached base on an error by Cecil (3-5), who earned the loss as a result.

"Unfortunately, a lot of things didn't go our way," said catcher Dioner Navarro. "But we've got to go through that adversity. We'll be alright."

Navarro had a home run

for Toronto (85-64), while Ben Revere had an RBI single. Jackie Bradley Jr. drove in Sandoval with a sacrifice fly to deep centre field for the winning run in the eighth inning.

Outfielder Kevin Pillar made an impressive throw to try to get Sandoval out at home, but the ball skidded on the hop to Navarro and bounced away.

Russell Martin, pinch hitting for shortstop Ryan Goins in the ninth, brought the 46,743 in attendance to their feet with a two-out double, but that was as close as Toronto got to a comeback.

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Dalton Pompey slides back to first on a pick-off attempt during Sunday's game in Toronto. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup chopped crystallized ginger
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 large very ripe bananas, peeled and mashed (about 1 cup mashed)
- 1/2 cup sour cream or plain Greek yogurt

Directions

1. Heat the oven to 350 F. Butter or coat with cooking spray

a 9-by-5-inch loaf pan.

2. In a small bowl, mix together the flour, baking soda and salt. Mix in the chocolate and the ginger.

3. In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, then add the vanilla. Blend in the mashed bananas and sour cream.

4. Switch to a wooden spoon and add the flour mixture in batches to the wet mixture, mixing just until each addition is incorporated. At the end, the batter should be barely blended (it will be thick). Transfer the mixture to the prepared loaf pan. Bake until a toothpick or wooden skewer inserted at the centre comes out clean, 40 to 50 minutes. Cool in the pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes, then turn the loaf out of the pan and finishing cooling upright on the wire rack.

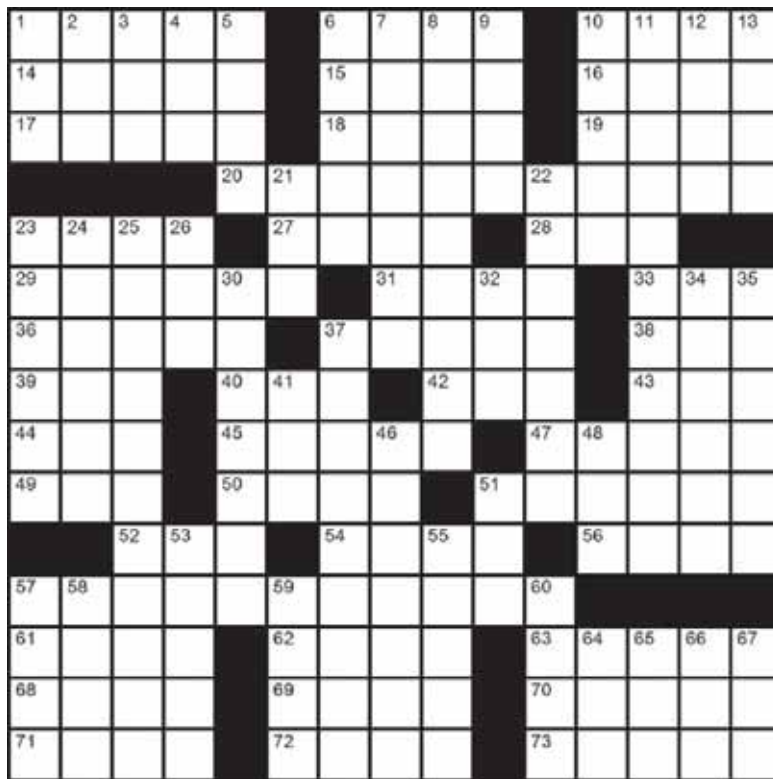
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6. Decorative pillow cover
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14. It makes a bride look like a princess
15. The Jackson 5 member
16. passu (Impartially)
17. Defences for castles
18. Sort of saxophone
19. "What ___ off!" (It's too expensive)
20. British Columbia... Alert Bay, 'Home of the ___'
23. Seafood fish of Hawaii, when doubled
27. Blood carrier
28. Urn stuff
29. Awkward
31. Guitar great Duane
33. Sidekick
36. TV-advertised knife set brand
37. Angler's basket
38. "... Fine Day" by The Chiffons
39. Action word suffix
40. Madhouse
42. She's a sheep
43. Mr. Chaney Jr.
44. Celebrity chef Sandra
45. Radiant visions
47. Bud ___ (Former MLB Commissioner)
49. Person in command [abbr.]
50. "... Island" (2008)



51. Actor, Haley Joel ___
52. Martini ingredient
54. Hospitals: 'O' in OR, for short
56. Ancient tale
57. Ontario town called 'The Heart of Muskoka'

61. VIP's ride
62. Unique
63. Golfer's selections
68. Household appliance
69. Have ___ (Know 'somebody')
70. International Court of Justice

- site, The ___
71. "Guarding ___" (1994) starring Shirley MacLaine
72. Rockies, e.g.
73. Autumn colour

DOWN

1. 24-hr. banker
2. CV of life

10. Moonfishies
11. Canadian director who starred on "Road to Avonlea": 2 wds.
12. Seed covering
13. "Egad!"
21. Brick wall foliage
22. Considerably fewer: 2 wds.
23. University in Montreal founded in 1821
24. Like certain skirt styles
25. Movie franchise for Donald Sutherland: 2 wds.
26. AOL exchanges
30. Ms. Collins (Writer of the books on which the flicks at #25-Down are based)
32. Grass' morning blanket
34. Sprinkle with holy oil
35. Distance
37. Locale of the village at #20-Across, ___ Island
41. Catherine De-neuve's 'Yes'
46. Bayer product
48. "Almighty Love" by Canadian singer Ms. Grynner
51. Assoc.
53. Desktop symbols
55. Utopias
57. Mark with ink
58. Tear apart
59. Irish author Mr. Stoker (b.1847 - d.1912)
60. Lingering sound
64. Lake: French
65. "Ick."
66. Office, for short
67. Behold

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Aries March 21 - April 20
You may be a bit behind in your workload, but there is still time to catch up. Make a start right this moment and you will be well on top of things again!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You have been in tune with the spirit of the times of late but all good things must end and later in the week things could get a bit confusing. Today though, you decide what is the most fun thing you could be doing.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
No one has the right to interfere in your affairs but certain people will continue to do so unless and until you tell them to mind their own business.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You may be eager to find out what is going on behind the scenes, but don't let others think you are desperate or they will keep you in the dark even more, just for the fun of it.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
The Sun remains in the money area of your chart only until Wednesday, so you need to get your act together. There is still time to put your affairs in order and work out how you are going to make up for recent losses.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Before you accept a promotion of some kind ask yourself if it is what you really desire, because if you change your mind later important people won't be too happy with you. Only ever do what feels comfortable.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There are so many new things you want to do but, for one reason or another, you have not been able to make a start on them. When the Sun enters your sign on Wednesday you will at last get the green light.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You won't be in a forgiving mood today, but if you are wise you will bite your tongue and not say anything hurtful. Give them that Scorpio "look" instead — they'll get the message.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Don't worry too much if you are still waiting impatiently for things to happen because what occurs over the next few days will kick-start the rest of your year.

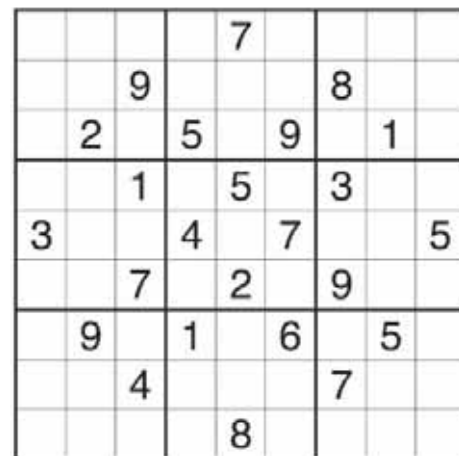
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Over the coming week you will find that your responsibilities get a bit heavier as loved ones come to rely on you more and employers and other important people add to your workload.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Your best course of action now is to be as open and honest as you possibly can be, even if your first instinct is to clam up completely and keep what you know to yourself.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Recent cosmic activity in your opposite sign of Virgo has just about finished its job of toughening you up emotionally and soon you will be able to focus on more enjoyable things.

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